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75th Match
Being of Darkness

Hmgf!

Hmgf!

IF...IF I LET GO, I... I'M DONE FOR.

YOUR OPPONENT ISN'T HUMAN... YOU WILL BARELY FEEL GUILTY, EVEN IF YOU KILL HIM!

KIICHI! KILL THIS BEAST-MAN!

ゴゴゴゴ

Grrr!

TH...THIS VOICE...

NO... NO WAY.

KIRYUU!

WH...WHAT IS KIRYUU DOING HERE?!

OH! BRIMMING WITH ENERGY, THE BEAST-MAN IS VIOLENTLY RESISTING!

A MAN ABLE TO FEEL THE JOY OF PEOPLE LIKE HIM ONCE.

OU WAS A MAN WITH A PURE HEART.

WITH THE HAPPINESS OF BEING SURROUNDED BY THOSE HE LOVED DEARLY, OU'S FUTURE WAS BOUND TO BE RADIANT.

GOOD GIVES RISE TO GOOD...

Note: good as opposite to evil.

AND THEN OCCURRED THIS TRAGIC EVENT.

A MERCILESS GOD IMPOSED A CRUEL TRIAL.

EVEN SO...

HE WOULDN'T HAVE KILLED EVEN THE VILEST OF PEOPLE.

BUT EVEN SO, OU WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN HOW TO KILL SOMEONE.

OU KNEW IT... HE KNEW THAT FOR THE SAKE OF HIS VENGEANCE HE WOULDN'T HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE OTHER THAN TO ABANDON HIS HUMANITY.

THE PURER A PERSON IS, THE FASTER IT IS TO BE OVERWHELMED BY EVIL.

JUST LIKE THE WHITER THE LAUNDRY, THE DARKER IT'LL BE STAIN.

HE WOULDN'T HAVE CROSSED THAT LIMIT.

OU WOULD HAVE NEVER BECOME A BEAST-MAN IF YOU WEREN'T HERE.

IT'S THE RESULT OF HIS OWN WILL THAT OU BECAME LIKE THIS... I ONLY HELPED HIM.

WOULD YOU SHUT UP, KIRYUU!

WHAT'S YOUR GOAL? WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING BY CHANGING OU INTO A BEAST-MAN?

AN AFTER-IMAGE?

NIETZSCHE HIMSELF SAID THAT "WHAT DOESN'T KILL ME WILL ONLY MAKE ME STRONGER".

OLD CHIN... I WON'T KILL YOU.

WH...ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT KIIBO?

BECAUSE CONTINUING TO LIVE IS PROBABLY THE HARDEST THING FOR YOU TO DO.

ANSWER ME, KIRYUU!

THE BEAST-MAN'S FANGS ARE THRUST SO DEEPLY IN MY ARM THAT I CAN'T FEEL IT.

IF...IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS...

WH... WHAT IS HE...

HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA STAY LIKE THAT?

THERE IS A TECHNIQUE FROM THE NADA-SHINKAGE FOR WINNING IN ONE BLOW FROM THIS POSITION!

OU IS THROWING KIIBO ON HIS FACE!

BUT IF I USE IT... OJS NECK WILL...

THE MORTAL TECHNIQUE WHICH WAS FORBIDDEN.

IT'S THE "NECK-BREAKER" FROM THE NADASHINKAGE SCHOOL.

YOU CANNOT KILL ACCIDENT-ALLY LIKE DURING YOUR FIGHT AGAINST GARCIA!

IT'S BY KILLING HIM WITH DETER-MINATION AND COMPLETE AWARENESS THAT YOU'LL BECOME A TRUE BEING OF DARKNESS!

A BEING OF DARKNESS ...?

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76th MATCH The "Neck-Breaker"

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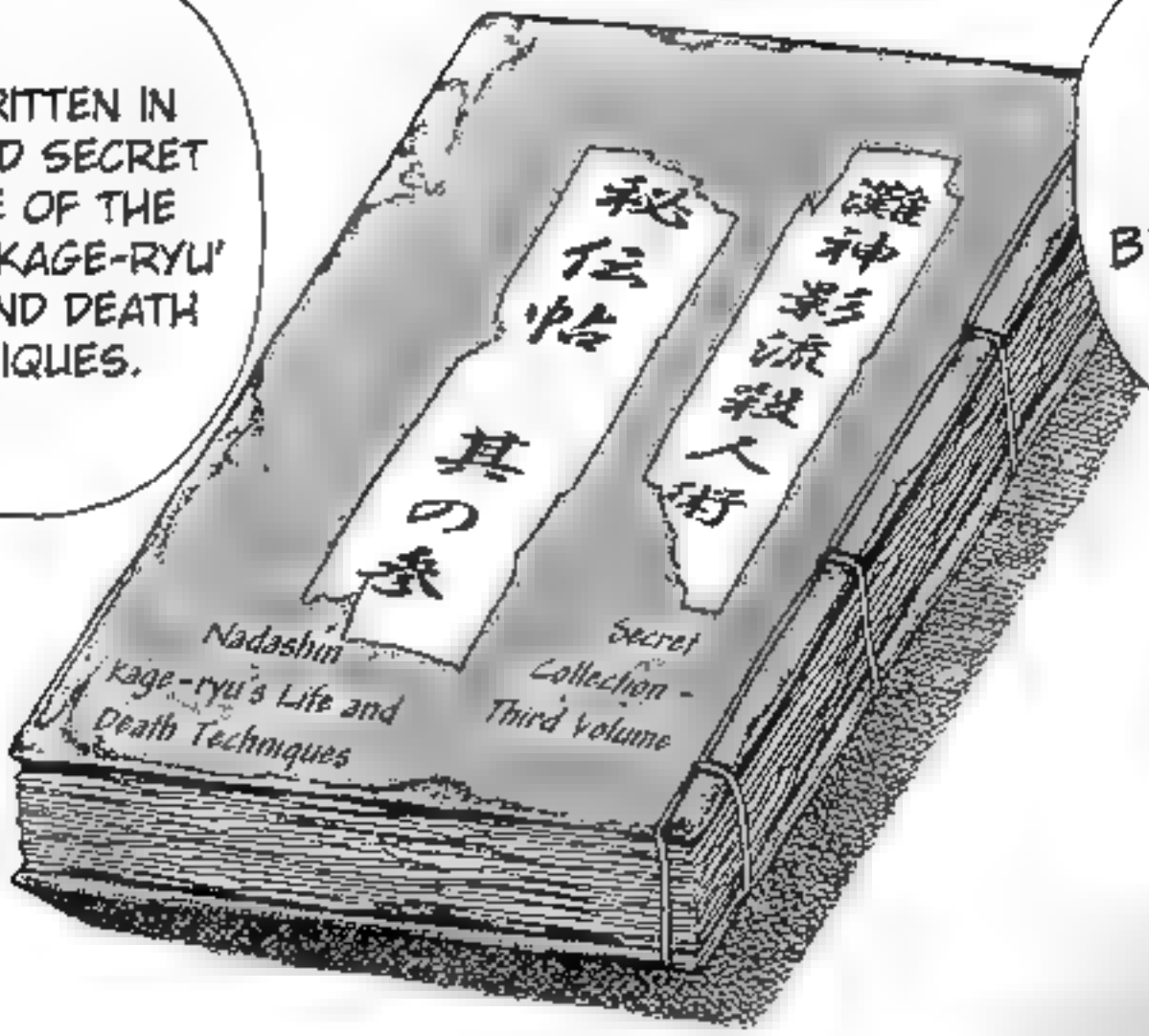
IT'S WRITTEN IN THE THIRD SECRET VOLUME OF THE NADASHINKAGE-RYU'S LIFE AND DEATH TECHNIQUES.

THE NECK-BREAKER.



IT'S A METHOD FOR DEALING WITH AN OPPONENT WHO IS RESISTING A STRANGULATION TECHNIQUE FROM BEHIND BY BITING.

HOWEVER, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT THIS TECHNIQUE'S GOAL ISN'T TO MAKE YOUR OPPONENT LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS BY STRANGULATION. IT'S AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TECHNIQUE FOR DESTROYING THE CERVICAL, WHICH ARE GATHERING POINT OF THE MAIN NERVES.

KNOWING THAT YOU'LL BECOME THE GUARDIAN OF OUR CLAN ONE DAY; YOU'LL HAVE TO MASTER, AND THEN APPLY AS WELL, ALL THE TECHNIQUES OF THE SECRET COLLECTION.

LOOK CARE-FULLY!

#11
THIS IS THE "NECK-BREAKER"!
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WRITCH WRITCH

WHILE USING THE IMPRISONED NECK AS AN AXIS, YOU MAKE THE LOWER PART OF THE BODY PIVOT IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

AND YOU CONCENTRATE ALL THE WEIGHT OF YOUR BODY ON THE HEAD BY THROWING IT TO THE GROUND.

THE AFTER-EFFECTS WILL HINDER THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF YOUR OPPONENT.

WITH LUCK...

AND WITH-OUT LUCK?

IT'S DEATH.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR MOOD.

輪弓黄鉄鷹風

BUT I CANNOT USE THIS TECHNIQUE, EVEN IF I'M ABOUT TO BE KILLED?

Note: mood as in "soul condition"

MY "MOOD"?

I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT...

WHATEVER THE REASON, THOSE WHO KILL CANNOT LIVE ANYMORE IN A PLACE OTHER THAN THE HEART OF THE DARKNESS.

SO IF I USE THE "NECK-BREAKER". I'LL BECOME A BEING OF DARKNESS.

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BUT..BUT IF I LET GO..I.. I WON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO FIGHT BACK.

THE BEAST-MAN DON'T USING HIS TECHNIQUES TO OPPOSE YOURS! HIS ONLY GOAL IS TO SLAUGHTER YOU!

EVEN IF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE AN OBSTACLE, EVEN IF YOUR FRIENDS SHALL HATE YOU, IT'S ONLY IN YOURSELF THAT YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE!

KUGH! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?!

IT...IT'S TRUE THAT THIS GUY ISN'T HUMAN.

GO KIIBO! SHOW US ONE OF THE MORTAL TECHNIQUES OF THE NADA-SHINKAGE!

HE HAS THIS SOUR SMELL SPECIAL TO WILD BEASTS

YELLOW FANGS AND A BREATH SMELLING LIKE ROTTEN MEAT.

HAA

HAA

THIS ENERGY, THIS MUSCULAR POWER, THIS RELEASE, THIS ENDURANCE AND THIS STAMINA

THERE IS NO SHRED OF HUMANITY IN HIM! HE'S A BEAST!

THE AMBITION OF THE NADASHIN-KAGE IS TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE OTHER EITHER LIVE OR DIE! THIS ROAD CONTINUES EVEN PAST HELL.

YOU HAVE TO KILL HIM! YOU HAVE TO BECOME A BEING OF DARKNESS TO ACQUIRE THE CALIBER TO EVEN LAUGH AT THE RESENTMENT OF THE DEAD'S CURSES!

URGH I ..I CAN'T GO ON ANYMORE

WHO'LL BE THE SUCCESSOR TO THE NADA-SHINKAGE IF YOU DIE?!

WHO'LL BE THE ONE MOST IN DESPAIR AT THE NEWS OF YOUR DEATH?!

!

OKAY, I'LL DO IT! I'M GONNA USE THAT LETHAL TECHNIQUE...

BUT IT'S SAID THAT THIS SNEAKY GOD NEVER CASTS TRIALS WHICH CANNOT BE OVERCOME.

GOD IS ONLY DOING AS HE WANTS SELF-ISHLY! HE CONSTANTLY IMPOSED THOSE TRIALS.

AND THEN MAKE FUN OF GOD!

YOU REALLY ARE THE GUARDIAN OF THE NADASHINKAGE, SO YOU HAVE TO BE THE VICTOR OF THIS TEST...

ZZZ

UOOH!

HERE COMES THE "NECK-BREAKER" OF THE NADESHIN-KAGE'S LIFE AND DEATH TECHNIQUES HANDED OVER DIRECTLY BY MY FATHER.

THAT'S IT! JUST LIKE THAT!

WITH THIS, YOU'LL BECOME MY SUCCESSOR!

THE SUCCES-SOR...

BUT... WHAT THE...

!

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CRUNCH
CRUNCH

AND HERE COMES THE SECOND PART OF THE "NECK-BREAKER" MADE BY KIICHI MIYA-ZAWA, ACTUAL GUARDIAN OF THE NADASHINKAGE!

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THE TRUE GUARDIAN OF THE NADASHIN-KAGE KNOWS HOW TO FACE THE DIVINE!

OVER-COME THIS TRIAL FROM GOD!

GOT IT! I'LL SHOW YOU!

THE NADA-SHINKAGE'S LIFE AND DEATH TECH-NIQUE... THE "NECK-BREAKER" INHERITED DIRECT-LY FROM MY FATHER.

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IT LOOKS LIKE A FATHER COMING TO ENCOURAGE HIS KID!

WHY ARE YOU SO PASSIONATE ABOUT IT?

HOY "THE WIND"... DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?

DAD
...

YEAH...I WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT DAD.

HE HAS THE ABILITIES AND THE STATURE.

AT LEAST WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GENETICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS...

YOUR SUCCESSOR, YOU SAY...IS KIICHI MIYAZAWA THAT REMARKABLE?

HOW WOULD DAD FIGHT?

HOW WOULD HE FACE IT? HOW LONG WOULD HE RESIST TO THE PAIN I'M FEELING?

I COULD HEAR THE SOUND OF HIS TWISTED NECK BONES SNAPPING.

NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO MAKE HIM FALL HEAD FIRST WITH ALL THE WEIGHT OF HIS BODY AND THE "NECK-BREAKER" WILL BE COMPLETE.

IT'S "KILL OR TO BE KILLED".

THERE IS NO NEED TO HESITATE.

TO CREATE A SUCCESSOR, IT'S A WAY TO FEEL LIKE GOD.

THERE IS SOMETHING WHICH IS MORE FRIGHTENING TO ME THAN DEATH!

HOW-EVER ...

YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO DENY THE NADA-SHINKAGE.

YOU HAVE TO DOUBT ME, KIICHI.

What?

濤岳猿群

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

My whole existence up till now.

Denying the Nada-shinkage would be like renouncing my entire past.

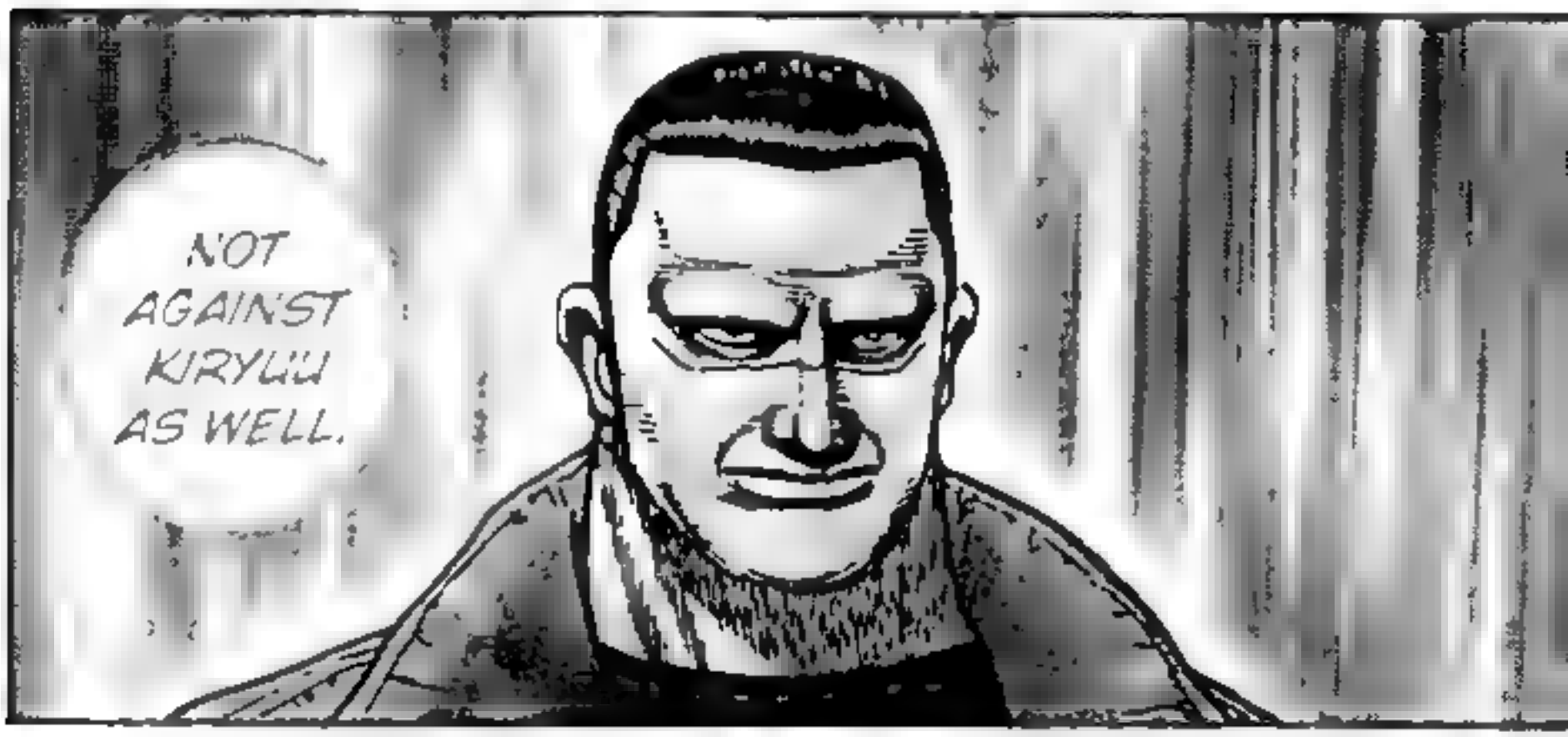
Wh... What are you talking about?

PERFECTION ISN'T SOMETHING OF THIS WORLD, AND A BLIND FAITH WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

BE IT THE RELIGIOUS WAY OR THE MARTIAL ARTS WAY...

YOU WON'T PROGRESS BY SIMPLY STUDYING THE MASTER'S LESSONS AND IMITATING THEM.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE.
IT'S NOT AGAINST OU.


NOT AGAINST KIRYUU AS WELL.

EVEN NOT FOR ME.

DAD.

IT'S AGAINST DAD THAT I REALLY MUST NOT LOSE!

AND HERE COMES THE SECOND PART OF THE "NECK-BREAKER" MADE BY KIICHI MIYAZAWA, ACTUAL GUARDIAN OF THE NADASHINKAGE!

WHAT?!

HE BLOCKED THE IMPACT TO OU'S HEAD AGAINST THE GROUND WITH HIS ELBOW!

I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN BECOME A BEING OF DARKNESS.

HAA~!
HAA~!

Ooh!

IF I HAD KILLED HIM, KIICHI MIYAZAWA WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN KIICHI MIYAZAWA ANYMORE.

I WOULD HAVE LOST AGAINST DAD.

Ghurf!

EVEN IF...I'M NOT READY YET.

I...I WANT TO CONTINUE BEING THE GUARDIAN OF THE NADA-SHINKAGE.

THE BEAST-MAN FAINTED.

HE...HE LOST CON-SCIOUS-NESS?

KIIBO WON!!

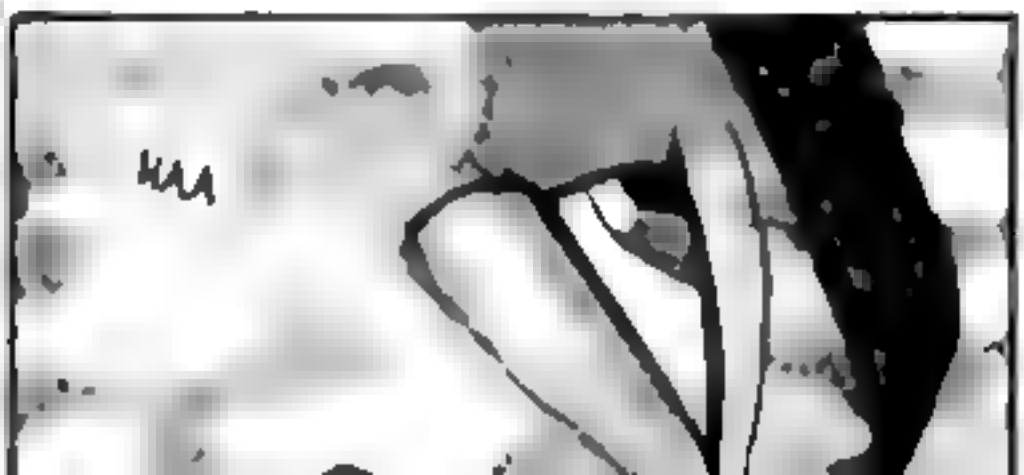
HE... HE WON...

KIIBO DEFEATED HIM!

THE . THE SKY S START NG TO LET SOME L GHT N.

HAA !!

HAA !!



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IT'S NOT FINISHED ...

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78th Match
Cruel Trial

MINORU "THE WIND".

He's barely conscious.

Kiibo is in tatters after his fight against Ou

AND IN SPITE OF THAT, HE'S GOING TO FACE MINORU "THE WIND"?!

AND THE NEXT THING TO HAPPEN OCCURS AT THE LAST MOMENT; THE MOST DREADFUL OPPONENT APPEARS.

AH! THERE WERE ONLY 5 MINUTES LEFT TO THIS GAME.

INDEED, GOD IMPOSED SOME CRUEL TRIALS.

DON'T TELL ME WE'RE GOING TO BET ON THIS FIGHT AS WELL...?

I ALREADY LOST 1.1 BILLION, SO IT'S THE RIGHT CHANCE TO RETURN THE MONEY.

WE'RE GOING TO BET 10 BILLION ON THIS MATCH.

10 BILLIONS?!

B... BUT ...

WHY SO SHOCKED? WE'RE LIVING IN AN ERA WHERE PEOPLE RICH FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARE BUYING TELEVISION PROGRAMS FOR BILLIONS.

YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF IT, RIKI...I HAVE VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE STRONGEST YAKUZA IN JAPAN.

THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO CARE A LOT FOR ME, AND THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING.

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

B...BUT IF I LOST, I DON'T EVEN HAVE A WAY TO PAY IT OFF...

SO YOU'LL DO THE SAME AS HIM.

KIIBO IS FIGHTING WHILE PUTTING HIS LIFE AT STAKE.

THAT'S FRIEND-SHIP.

YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT?

YOU'RE IN A PITIFUL STATE.

Of...of course.

I'm brimming with power.

Come!

OK!

Argh!

I WARNED YOU THOUGH.

THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN OF THE HYPER-BATTLE, IT'S MINORU "THE WIND"!

"WIND STRIKE"!!

STOP THAT!

I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY LIKE OU DID.
I'LL KNOCK YOU DOWN QUICKLY AND SURELY.

TH...THAT'S ENOUGH! KIIBO IS COMPLETELY TORN APART FROM HIS FIGHT AGAINST OU.

HE DOESN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT YOU ANYMORE!

EVEN I KNOW YOUR NAME, MINORU "THE WIND" FROM THE YAGYUU SCHOOL! IF YOU TAKE DOWN A WEAKENED OPPONENT, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'LL SULLY YOUR NAME?

THE PLAY IS GOING TO END IN 5 MINUTES! PLEASE, LET KIIBO GET OUT OF THIS!

IF IT'S THE RINGS YOU WANT, I'M GIVING YOU MINE...

G... GEN...

AND YOU KNOW KIIBO, RIGHT?

Fhung!

YOU'RE JUST A WIMP...

It...It's funny.

Even if I'm half-conscious and everything looks distorted.

Only...only your face appears clearly, Kiryuu.

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I...I'M WORN OUT.

"HAA

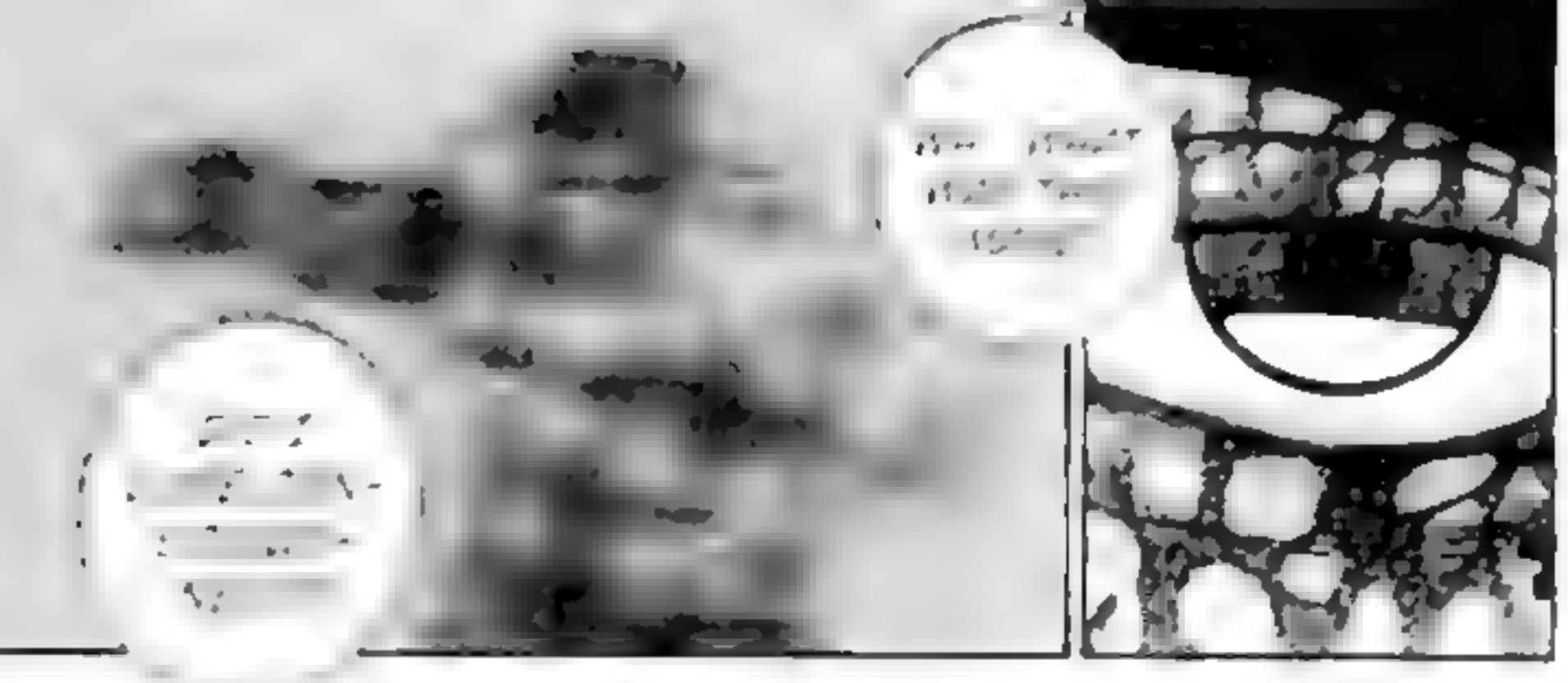
79th MATCH God's Point of View

NO...I CAN STILL SEE SHADOWS.

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING

I CAN'T EVEN HEAR MY OWN HEART-BEAT.

BUT I CAN'T HEAR ANYMORE.



WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

MINORU "THE WIND".

KIRYUU SEEMS TO THINK OF YOU AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

BUT IF YOU'LL PERMIT IT, I WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT FOR IT.

WHAT!?

Ah...ha... ha...I'm... still alive.

HE'S COMPLETELY DRUNK BY THIS SIDE OF HIMSELF WHICH CONTINUES TO FIGHT.

UNTIL HIS BODY REACHES THE LIMITS OF TIREDNESS AND HIS CONSCIOUSNESS SINKS.

KIICHI IS IN LOVE WITH HEROISM.

HAA

HAA

HE'S PROBABLY THINKING THAT THIS FIGHT WILL BECOME A LEGEND AND THAT THE LIFE HE WENT THROUGH WILL BE TOLD TO FUTURE GENERATIONS FOR ETERNITY.

It's... Kiibo is moving thanks to a powerful will.

No... That's not the case...

You...you, Master Kiryuu... You should know it.

And you can add to it his potential which surpasses that of mortals by far.

REALIZE IT... YOU ARE THE MOST PITIFUL CREATURE IN THIS WORLD.

AH

AH

ARE YOU SEEKING DEATH, WIMP?

YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I WAS TO PUSH A BIT ON MY RIGHT FOOT, DON'T YOU?

I SHOULD AT LEAST ADMIT YOU'RE RESILIENT.

SO YOU'RE STILL STANDING AFTER TAKING MY "WIND STRIKE"

HAA HAA

WHAT ABOUT THIS!? THE "WIND GOD'S KICK"!!

I...I CAN'T AVOID IT.

KIBO!

Nh?

WHAT
WHAT IS
THIS

AM I
FLYING?

I CAN SEE KIRYU.

I CAN SEE MYSELF

AND I CAN SEE MYOU "THE WAY" READY TO ATTACK

THIS IMAGE IS APPEARING IN MY BRAIN.

BUT IT'S NOT WITH MY EYES THAT I'M SEEING THIS!

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HE AVOIDED IT?!

WHAT THE... KIICHI ACQUIRED THE "SKY'S EYE"!?

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HE AVOIDED THE "WIND GOD'S KICK"!?

80th MATCH The Sky Eye

HAS KIICHI MASTERED THE "SKY EYE"!?

80th MATCH The Sky Eye

WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED? I...I AVOIDED MINORU'S "WIND GOD'S KICK".

HAA

HAA

MY CONSCIOUS-NESS IS WAVERING AND MY VISION IS BLURRED.

HAA

HAA

BUT I SAW IT ALL IN MY HEAD.

MINORU'S MOVEMENTS... AS WELL AS MINE...FROM THE SKY.

ALL OF IT IN SLOW MOT'ON... AND REALLY CLEARLY.

AFTER THAT MY BODY REACTED NATURALLY.

NO! IT WAS "GUIDED".

NADASHINKAGE-RYU HAS TWO POINTS OF VIEW!! THE "EYE" NAMED "ENERGETIC VISION" AND THE "SKY EYE"!!

THE "ENERGETIC VISION"

THE "SKY EYE".

THE "EYE" MAKES YOU ABLE TO PERCEIVE THE ENERGY FROM THE OPPONENT.

IT ALLOWS YOU TO SEE THE BATTLE FROM ABOVE WHILE STILL FACING YOUR OPPONENT.

THE "SKY EYE" IS LITERALLY A VIEW FROM THE SKIES.

THE "ENERGETIC VISION"? THE "SKY EYE"? WHAT ARE THESE?

YOU LEARNED THOSE WHILE THE BRAVE SEIKO WAS STILL HEALTHY?

SINCE WHEN DID YOU MASTER ALL OF THIS?

IT'S JUST LIKE THIS CAPACITY CAME TO ME WHEN I WENT PAST MY LIMITS.

I...I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

HMUH... SO IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT CAME WITH THE INSTINCT OF SELF-PRESERVATION?

BY THE WAY... ALL MY TECHNIQUES WERE LEARNED WITHOUT CARING FOR THE SCHOOLS OR STYLES.

IT'S JUST THAT I HAVE THE PRETENSION TO BE ABLE TO MASTER EVERY MARTIAL MOVE.

AND FOR THAT, I HAD TO KNEEL BEFORE GUYS HORRIBLE ENOUGH TO MAKE ME PUKE.

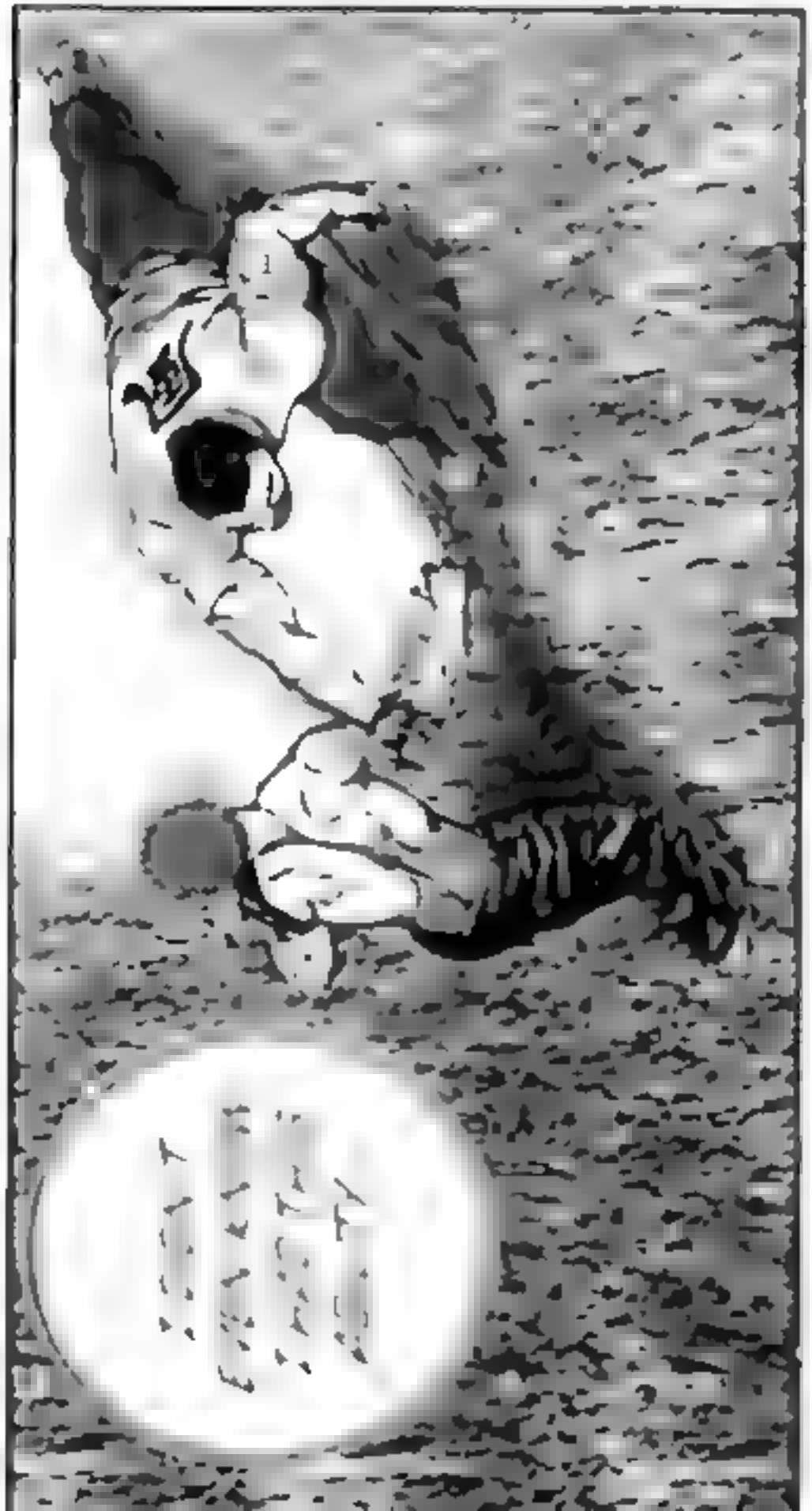
3 minutes remaining before the end!

HMPf!

BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE WORN OUT!

3 MINUTES IS ENOUGH TIME TO KILL YOU 5 TIMES!

HE... HE'S COMING.



IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT I ACQUIRED THE "SKY EYE"! BECAUSE YOU REALLY TRIED TO KILL ME!

THIS ABILITY, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TRIGGERED IT! MINORU "THE WIND"!

OH REALLY?

IN THAT CASE, I'M GOING TO DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL EVEN MORE.

!

FLYING CROSS ARM-LOCK "BY MINORU"!

I HAVE A LITTLE THING TO CONFESS TO YOU, WHAT I PREFER, ARE JOINT TECH-NIQUES!

I'M GOING TO BREAK BOTH OF YOUR BONES AND YOUR SPIRIT TO THE CORE.

!

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81st Match
The Genius Condition

IT...IT'S STILL NOT LOCKED!

"DISLOCATION TECHNIQUE" OF THE NADA-SHINKAGE.

I KNOW ALL THE NADASHIN-KAGE'S TECH-NIQUES!

I KNEW YOU WOULD DO THAT!

!

HE'S SWITCHING TO REVERSE CROSS LOCK!

KIIBO'S VEINS ARE APPEARING JUST LIKE LIGHTNING!

THE VIOLENT PAIN IS SPREADING FROM HIS ARM TO HIS BODY.

THE MOST BASIC TECHNIQUES ARE THE MOST COMPLEX.

MINORU IS BLOCKING THE ARM UNDER HIS ARMPIT TO TWIST IT AND IMPROVE HIS LOCK!

KIIBO'S ARM IS TWISTED AT AN IMPOSSIBLE ANGLE!

HIS RIGHT ELBOW IS MOANING!

NOW MY LOCK IS COMPLETE! YOU HAVE NO MEANS OF ESCAPE LEFT!

N...no... it's still not locked...

HAA HAA

1 minute left before the end of the fights.

AND HE STILL HASN'T COMPLETED THE LOCK?

STILL ONE MINUTE !?

WHAT'S HAPPENING? I STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED THE LOCK?

CRACK...

OR COULD IT BE THAT HE'S ENDURING THE PAIN?

CRACK

EVEN WITH THE AMPLITUDE OF HIS SHOULDER EXTENDED WITH HIS SELF-DISLOCATION TECHNIQUE, HIS ELBOW SHOULD BE COMPLETELY LOCKED...HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ENDURE THIS.

NO! IT'S COMPLETELY ABSURD!

OR IS KIIBO'S ELBOW THAT SUPPLE? OR DOES HE HAVE A DOUBLE ARTICULATION?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'M THE ONE WORRYING WHEN I'M THE ONE ATTACKING!

IT...IT'S THE "HENSUI". IT'S THE ULTIMATE METHOD OF RELAXATION ALSO CALLED "LIQUID TRANSFORMATION"!

THIS IS THE ABSOLUTE TECHNIQUE INVOLVING BOTH THE VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY MUSCLES OBTAINED BY SEEING YOURSELF NOT AS A SOLID BUT AS A LIQUID.

IT'S NOT A SIMPLE MUSCULAR RELAXATION, BUT A COMPLETE ONE!

IT'S ONCE AGAIN A TALENT THAT APPEARS ONLY WHEN YOU GO PAST YOUR LIMITS!

IT'S COM-PLETELY INSANE!

KIIBO!

SO MINORU CAN'T EVEN END THIS WHEN KIIBO IS SO EXHAUSTED!?

THE "LIQUID TRANSFOR-MATION"?

SO I ONCE AGAIN PUSHED KIIBO'S POTENTIAL?

IT'S LIKE... THE MORE HE'S CORNERED, THE STRONGER HE GETS.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THIS ULTIMATE RELAXATION SHOULD INVOLVE ONLY THE MUSCLES! IT CAN'T WORK ON THE BONES!

IF I MAKE A LEVER WITH ENOUGH STRENGTH, THE BONES WILL BREAK FOR SURE!

KIICHI IS THE SON OF SEIKO WHOSE DEFENSE WAS HIS SPECIALTY...HIS SELF-PROTECTION INSTINCT IS INNATE.

DEFENDING YOURSELF ISN'T SOMETHING YOU LEARN AS A BASIS...IT'S ONLY MOVED BY INSTINCT.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? THAT KIIBO IS A DEFENSE GENIUS SINCE BIRTH?

20 seconds before the end of the fights!

19...

18...

PEUH! THOSE GENETICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS YOU'RE SPEAKING ABOUT, IT'S JUST GARBAGE!

16...15...

14...

Only 10 seconds!

WHAT I LIKE, IT'S WORDS LIKE "EFFORT" AND "PERSE-VERANCE"!

9...8...
7...

I BET 10 BILLION ON THIS FIGHT!

TIME IS ALMOST UP! BREAK IT QUICKLY!

3...2...
1...

6...5...
4...

FOR SOMEONE WHO WISHES FOR IT, THERE IS NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE! I'LL BREAK THIS ARM BY ALL MEANS!

LISTEN TO THIS! THAT'S THE SOUND OF BONES BREAKING!

CRACK

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The "Hyper Battle" is finished!

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I'LL BREAK KIIBO'S ARM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!

FIGHT

82nd MATCH Finalists nominated!

This dry cracking that sounds like a branch is echoing at the same time the alarm is stopping the fights!

82nd MATCH
Finalists nominated!

110

GRR! NO TIME LEFT!

HYPER BATTLE

DID HE BREAK KIIBO'S ARM?

I'M SO PISSED ...

THIS ME THAT WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO BREAK A SIMPLE ARM OF A WORN OUT OPPONENT.

PISSED AT MYSELF...

?!

WH... WHAT!?

BUT...IN THE END, WHAT WAS THAT CRACKING SOUND?

WORMS DON'T EVEN DESERVE TO BE KILLED.

CONTINUE TO LIVE MISERABLY BY FEARING THE OTHERS.

IT SEEMS THAT EVEN BREATHING IS HURTING YOU.

DO YOU FEEL "DEATH"?

BE CONSCIOUS WITH YOUR BODY OF THIS OBVIOUS LOGIC WHICH IS THAT HUMANS WILL ALL DIE.

SEIKO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO "LIVE".

I WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO "DIE".

SO THAT YOU'LL LEARN THE MEANING OF YOUR BIRTH.

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE NEXT STAGE...

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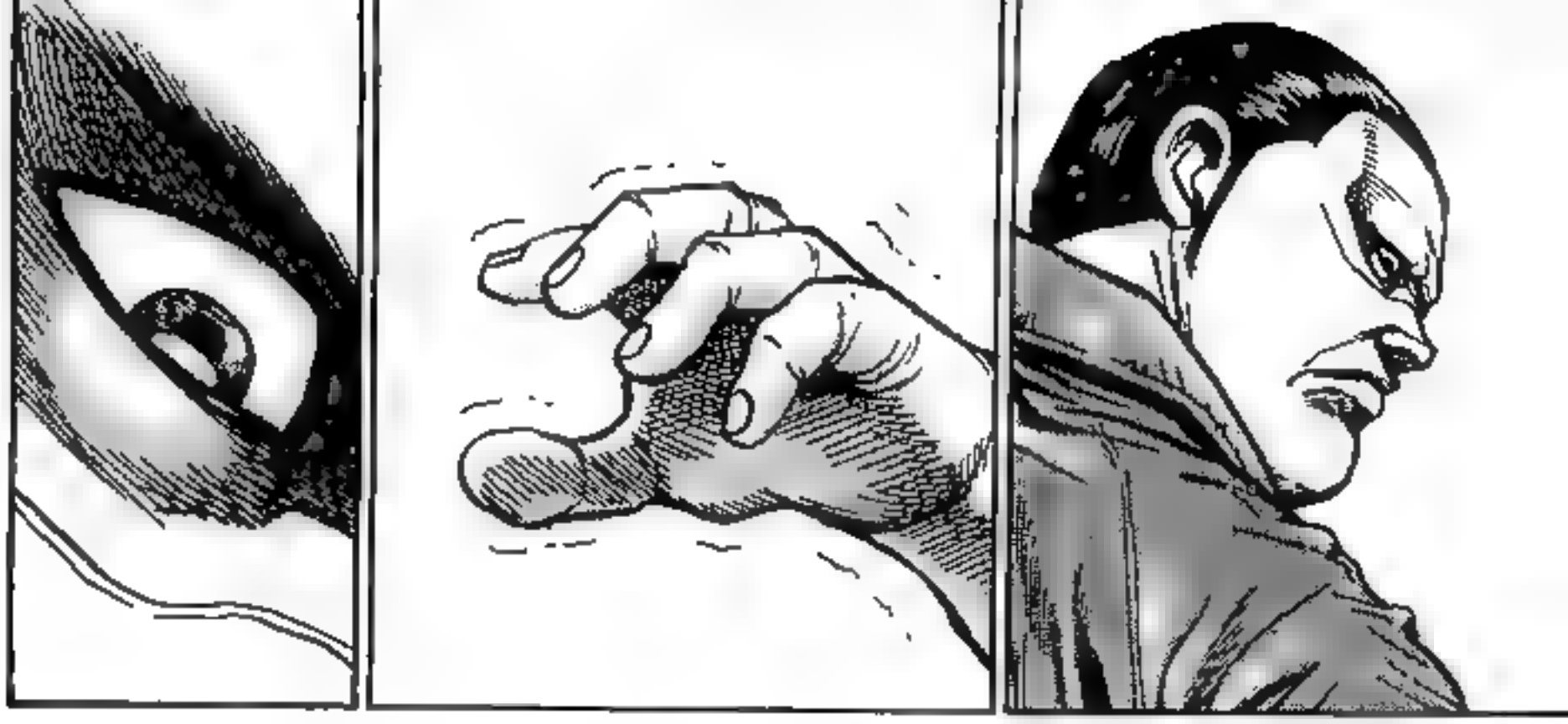

IT PROB-
ABLY MEANS
THAT IT'S
PERFECT
FOR HIM.

This 24hour battle that felt like it wouldn't ever finish finally stopped.

Facing a battle so long and so violent, probably some forgot what they were even here for.

Compared to the eternity of the universe, human life is only an instant...

Just like a drop of rain falling in the ocean or a sand grain in the middle of the desert

So sad and desperate is human life

But that's exactly why men fight.

To prove their existence in this world.

They aim for the top of this world by putting the proof of their life at stake.

So now, here are the top 3 of these Japanese preliminaries.

With 24 rings, Daikan Kimura of "Teppo-Ryu" karate!

With 19 rings, Minoru "the Wind" of the Hagyu shool!

And with 34 rings, Kiichi Miyazawa of the Nadashin-kageryu!

Those 3 nominees have qualified for the world-wide tournament of the "Hyper Battle".

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Numerous battles have taken place since on this sacred mountain of the dead ancient times.

It is said that the blood of the countless soldiers injured and killed here is responsible for the luxurious vegetation.

83rd MATCH
Desire to restart the Hostilities

We believe that you, the young warriors who came to the "Hyper Battle" and who are fed with the blood and tears of the defeated, will soar even higher in the main battle.

83rd MATCH

Desire to restart the Hostilities

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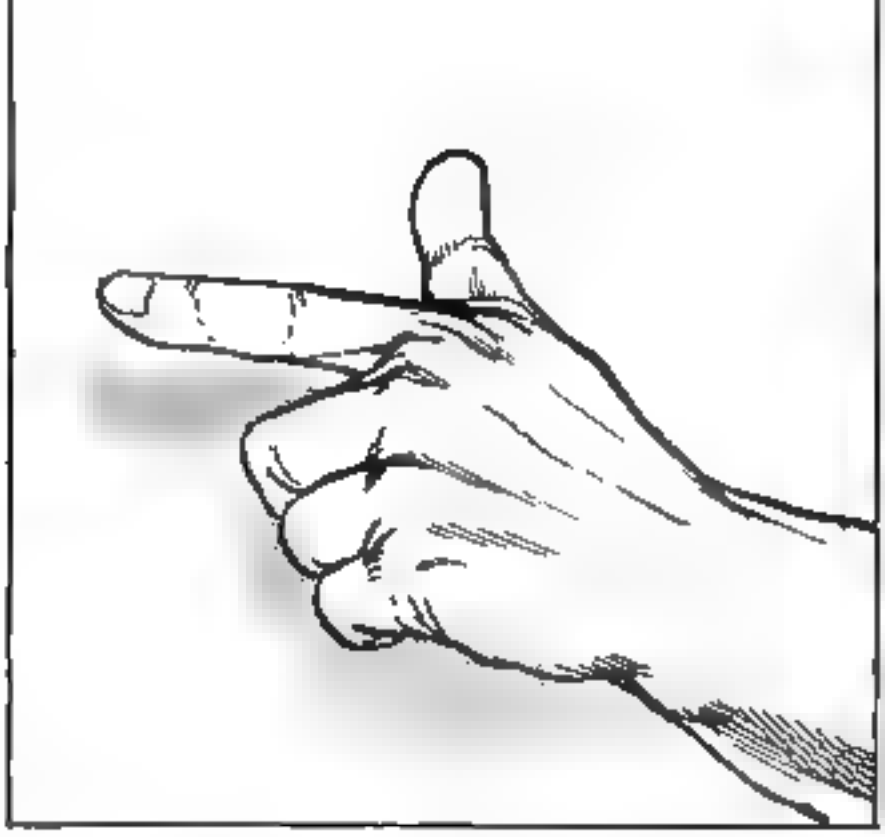
I HATE YOU SO MUCH YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE IT.

"THE WIND"... DO YOU INTEND TO FOLLOW ME ONCE AGAIN?



Bang!
Bang!
AND THAT'S WHY I'LL FOLLOW YOU.
TO KILL YOU ONE DAY.

HEY!? THAT'S NOT A CAR MADE FOR DRIVING IN MOUNTAINS!

Whoa!

BECAUSE I WANTED TO WIN AGAINST HIM IN HIS BEST CONDI-TION, SO THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY EXCUSES.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SERIOUSLY TRY TO DESTROY KIIBO?

AND...AND YOU? ISN'T THERE AN OPPONENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIGHT AGAIN?

LL...LIKE FOR EXAMPLE THIS DEAR SEIKO...

WITH SEIKO, EVERYTHING IS SETTLED.

!

HEY! JUST BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY COPS DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD DRIVE THIS FAST!

I WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MAN NAMED THE "HONORABLE FALCON".

BUT THAT IS IF HE'S STILL ALIVE...

FOR ME, MY MONEY IS LIKE MY BLOOD AND FLESH.

ARARA! IN THE END, I LOST 11.1 BILLION!

AND WITH BIG INTEREST.

I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR IT.

KIIBO
...

ARE YOU AWAKE?

WA... WAKA!

YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR 3 DAYS.

SO...THE GAME IS FINISHED?

AND...IN THE END, DID I...

THE WOUNDED WERE HOSPITALIZED, GENNAI AS WELL... ONLY YOU AND ME ARE LEFT.

THE ENDING CEREMONY IS ALREADY DONE AND EVERYONE WENT BACK HOME.

HERE, THE PRIZE OF 10 MILLION YEN.

TADAA! YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE FINALS, CONGRATULATIONS!

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BUT YOU'RE THE NUMBER ONE OF THOSE WHO SUCCEED, WITH 34 RINGS.

THE FIGHT AGAINST MINORU "THE WIND" WAS A DRAW BECAUSE OF THE END OF THE GAME.

LET'S GO HOME.

YOU DID WELL KIIBO.

I... YEAH...

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GOODBYE, MOUNTAIN OF THE DEAD.

IT WAS A LONG BATTLE, RIGHT?

Ouch!

ARE YOU OKAY? DO YOUR WOUNDS HURT?

YEAH. . I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT ANYONE FOR SOME TIME NOW.

I'M HURT FROM THE TIP OF MY HAIR TO MY TOES.

WHERE?

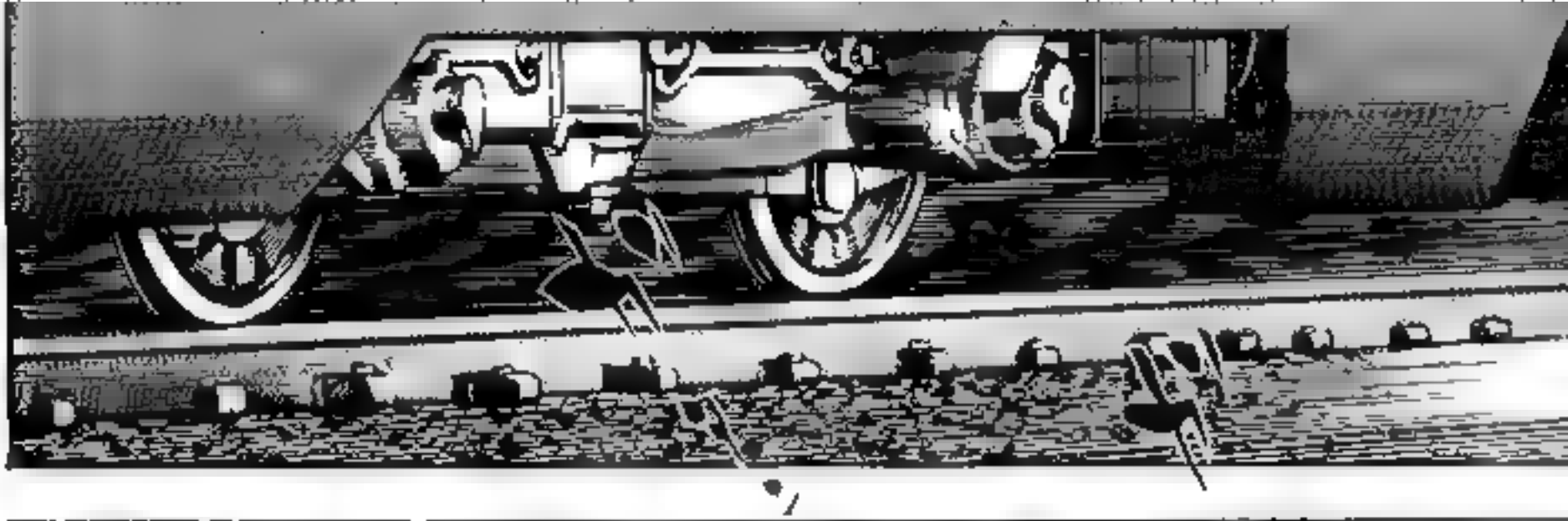
JUST SOMETHING I NEED TO FINISH.

Huh?

WELL, I HAVE TO GO...

Eh?

WAIT FOR ME HERE, WAKA.



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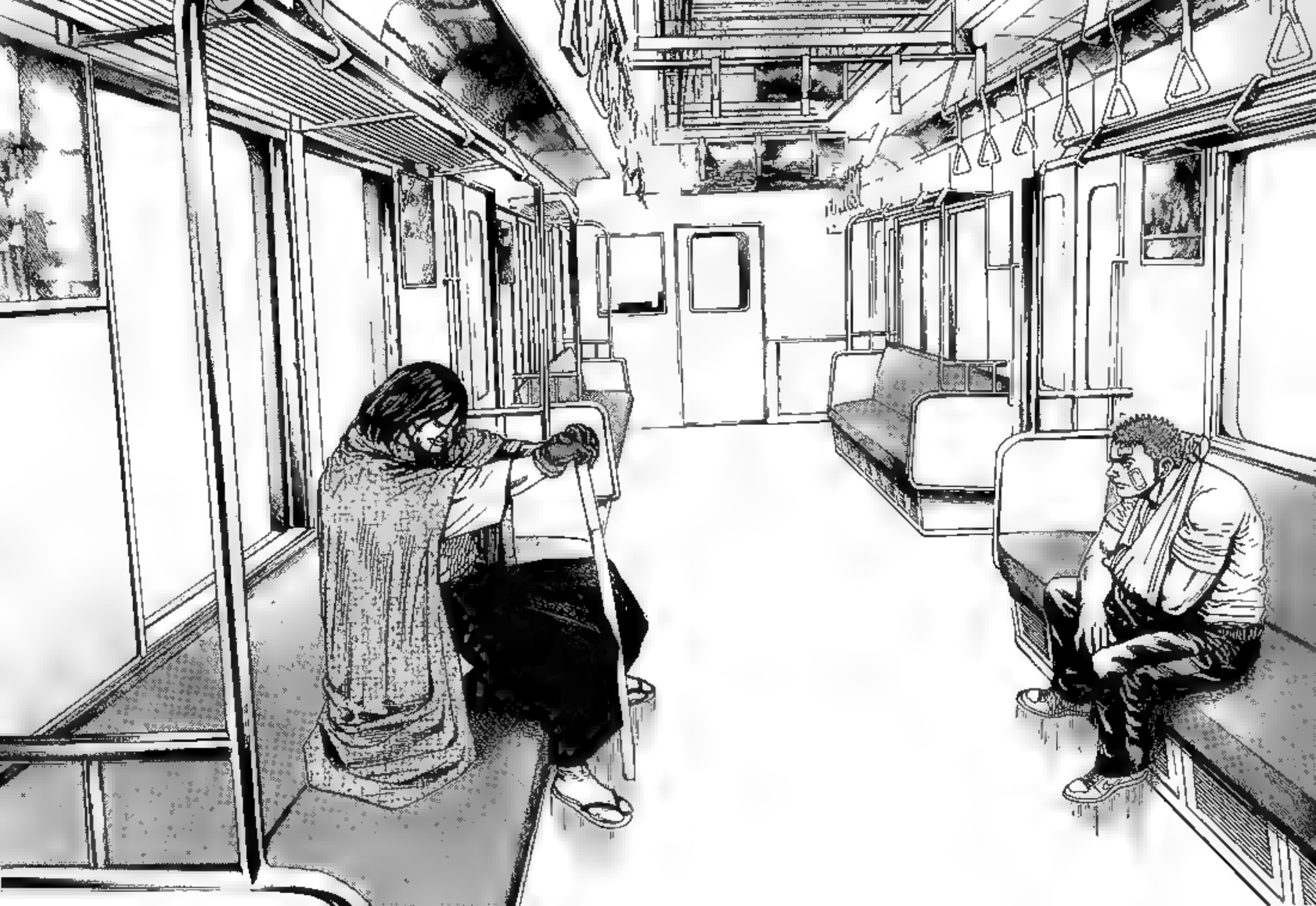

IT SEEMS YOU TOOK THE TRAIN TO HELL.

YEP.

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I PROMISED YOU.

THAT YOU'D BE THE LAST PERSON I DEFEAT.

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ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINALS OF THE "HYPER BATTLE".

I'M NOT FIGHTING FOR THIS KIND OF THING.

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EVEN IF YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO OBTAIN IT.

SUCH A CHILDISH THOUGHT... AND A FALSE ONE AS WELL.

I DON'T MIND GIVING YOU THIS 10 MILLION YEN REWARD...IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ME...

ARE YOU SURE?

WHY ASK? YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT SINCE THE BEGINNING AS WELL!

WITH 500.000 YEN PER RING, I ALREADY HAVE 10 MILLION.

I TOOK 20 RINGS DURING THE JAPANESE "HYPER BATTLE" PRELIMINARIES.

!

AND ACTUALLY, I COULD HAVE WON MORE, BUT THE ORGANIZER STOPPED ME.

I'M SURE I COULD HAVE WON MORE RINGS THAN YOU.

YOU SHOULD LEARN NOT TO SWING SUCH A LONG WOODEN SWORD IN A NARROW TRAIN LIKE THIS!

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Ah?

THE ENGETSU STYLE CAN FACE ANY KIND OF SITUATION.

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THE NADASHIN-KAGE STYLE

Ngh!

IS REALLY TOO SOFT.

WHAT ON EARTH IS KIIBO DOING?

KIIBO!

BUT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT ANYONE AGAIN!

YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO STOP HIM.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN MEN HAVE TO FIGHT, EVEN IF IT COULD MEAN DEATH.

MY NAME IS UKON TATEWAKI.

I'M A FAN OF KIIBO.

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

ARARA!
WHEN I THINK
THAT I COULD
KILL YOU SO
EASILY WITH A
REAL SWORD.

IT'LL PUMP ME UP!

IF THAT'S THE CASE, HERE, COME!

MY PARENTS WOULD BE SADDENED BY IT.

OH PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO END UP IN PRISON BECAUSE I KILLED YOU.

AND ON THE SOCIAL PLAN, I'VE GOT SOME CREDIT.

YOU SEE, I STILL HAVE STATUS AS A TEACHER.

I INTEND TO BE MARRIED IN THE FUTURE...AND EVEN TO HAVE CHILDREN.

IT'S A BIT EMBARRASSING TO SAY IT, BUT I WANT TO FOUND A HAPPY FAMILY.

WELL! THOSE ARE SOME HUMBLE DESIRES.

I PREFER SAYING THEY'RE "REALISTIC".

I DON'T WANT TO THROW AWAY MY LIFE FOR SLASHING AN EGO-CENTRIC WRECK LIKE YOU!

WHAT!? HE CAUGHT IT BARE-HANDED?

AND LIKE THIS? AM I STILL A WRECK TO YOU?!

TO GO TO HELL?

ARE YOU READY...

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EVEN IF IT COULD LEAD YOU TO HELL?

ARE YOU REALLY READY,

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THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW ME!

IF I HAVE TO GO TO HELL,

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85th MATCH *Brilliance of the Blade*

Eh?

WHAT IS THAT?

THIS... IS HOW YOU SLASH!

Wha...

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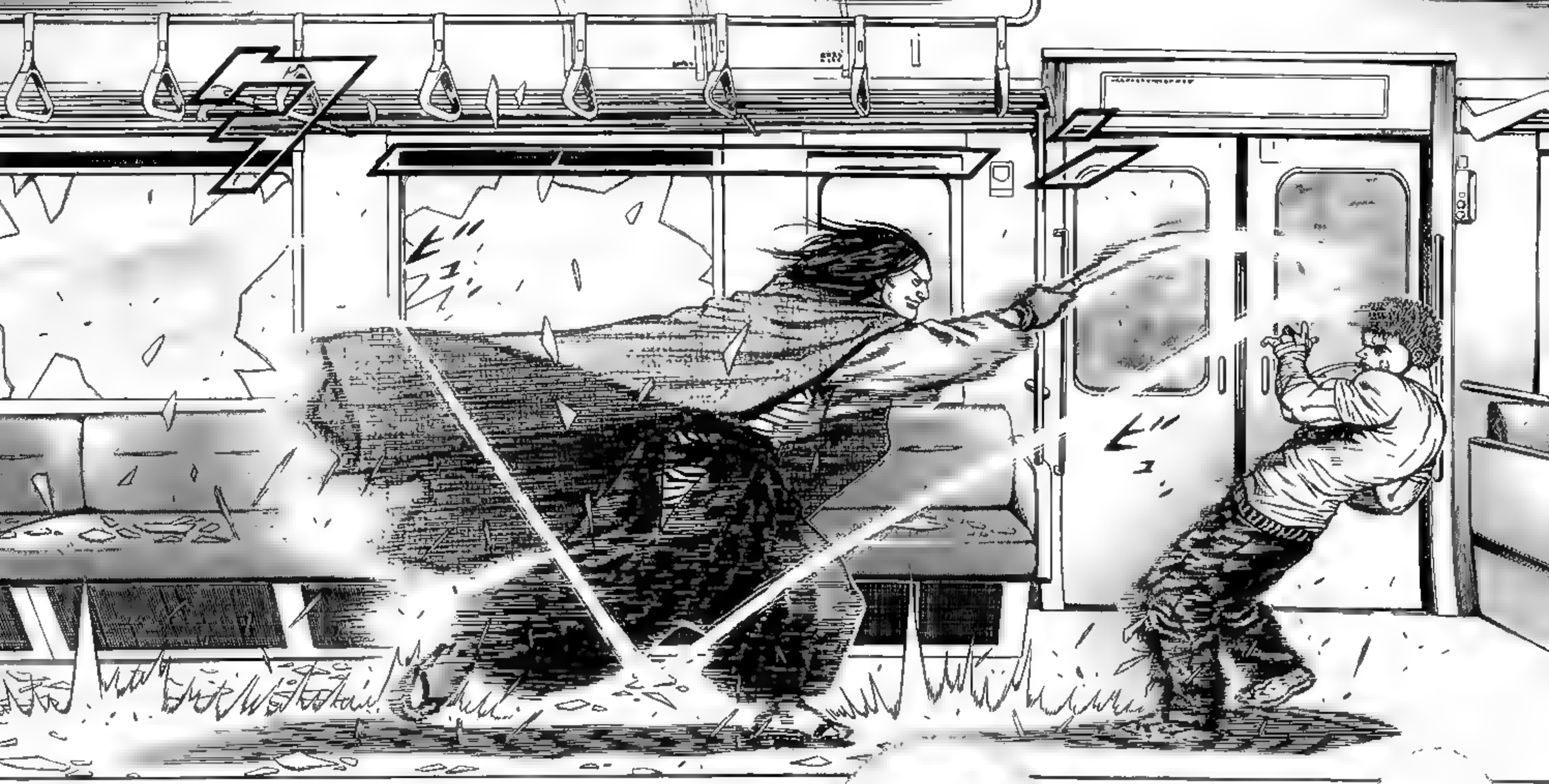
THIS SWORD ISN'T MADE OF STEEL...BUT A SPECIAL ALLOY INSTEAD.

AN ALLOY LIGHTER, STRONGER AND SHARPER.

I NEVER TRIED IT BEFORE.

BUT I'M ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THIS "SUPER-KATANA" COULD EVEN CUT DIAMONDS.

WOW!



I COULD HAVE AN OPENING IF ONLY I COULD AVOID THE TIP OF HIS BLADE, BUT IT'S TOO FAST.
I...I CAN'T GET CLOSER.
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TOO SHARP.

IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE TO GRAB A REAL SWORD BARE-HANDED?

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY... AGAINST THIS "SUPER-KATANA"!

What!?

IT'S SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE.

YOU CAN'T DO IT, RIGHT?

TECHNIQUES EVOLVE AS THE SWORD CHANGES.

SINCE I BECAME THE SUCCESSOR, THE DEADLY POTENTIAL OF THE ENGETSU STYLE HAS INCREASED IN EFFICIENCY AND REALISM.

TO FORGE A JAPANESE BLADE NEEDS AN OPPRESSIVE WORK WHICH CONSISTS OF STRIKING AND FOLDING YOUR BLADE NUMEROUS TIME FOR STRENGTHENING.

SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, THE KATANA HAS BEEN REGARDED AS A TREASURE OF THE GODS WHILE STILL BEING A WEAPON MADE FOR FIGHTING.

BUT IT'S ONLY ONCE THE "SOUL" IS PUT IN THIS BLACK METAL THAT IT BECOMES A POWERFUL AND RESPLENDENT KATANA.

THIS SO CALLED "SUPER-KATANA" IS NOTHING ELSE THAN A VULGAR MEAT KNIFE.

THIS "SUPER-KATANA" IS ABLE TO CUT YOUR "SPIRIT" OR YOUR "SOUL" IN A FLASH.

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"SUPER-KATANA" MY ASS!

KICK!-

JUST WAIT! THIS "BARE-HANDED GRABBING", I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU!!

What!?

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Urgh!

SO!?

WHAT ...

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YOUR "SUPER-KATANA". I'M NOW HOLDING IT TIGHTLY BETWEEN MY BARE-HANDS!

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